

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 21, 2020)  
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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Webex)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

**1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of July 14, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**2. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - Decision - Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the Southern Maryland Continuum of Care

I move to approve the Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$200,000 for the Southern Maryland Continuum of Care for COVID-19 related support to homeless individuals and families in St. Marys, Charles and Calvert Counties and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - Decision-Proposed Critical Area Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2019-40 for Non Adjacent Growth Allocation

I move to approve the proposed Critical Area Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2019-40 for Nonadjacent Growth Allocation and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR JULY 28 AND AUGUST 18, 2020.** There are no meetings of the Commissioners on August 4 and 11, 2020.

**B. CIRCUIT COURT** - Present Adult Recovery Court Program and Family Recovery Court Grant Award MD2125

I move to approve the Adult and Family Recovery Court Award, MD2125 from the Office of Problem Solving Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult and Family Recovery Court Programs, in the amount of \$263,889, and approve the related budget amendment that includes County Funding of \$137,644, for a total of \$401,533, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. CIRCUIT COURT** - Acceptance of Supplemental Grant Award to Circuit Court Family Services Grant MD2020

I move to approve and accept the Family Services Grant Supplemental Award, project MD2020 from the Administrative Office of the Courts, in the amount of \$9452, and approve the related budget amendment increasing the budget and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**D. CIRCUIT COURT** - Acceptance of Family Services Coordinator Supplemental Grant Award

I move to approve and accept the Family Services Grant Award, Project MD2120 from the Administrative Office of the Courts, in the amount of \$165,727, and approve the related budget

amendment decreasing the overall budget by \$12,461 to realign the budget to the award, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2021 Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant Award**

I move to approve the FY2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grant Award, Project#MD2151 from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services under the Gun Violence Reduction Grant-Cease Fire program, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for overtime and fringe costs related to enforcement and community outreach strategies that promote gun safety awareness and education, in the amount of \$10,000 and the related budget amendment to establish budget authority in the project, and authorize the Commissioner President, Sheriff, and Sheriff's Office Staff to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2020 Senior Care, Project MD2003 Notification of Grant Award**

I move to approve the Senior Care grant award, Project #MD2003 from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$124,981 to provide consumer services to the older adults of St. Mary's County and the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by the additional \$24,981 and return \$9,801 to Commissioners Emergency Reserve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Issue Purchase Order for Salt Barn Authority**

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to sign a Purchase Order issued under the existing Intergovernmental Agreement to the Maryland Environmental Service, estimated to exceed \$1 million, for the purpose of completing Project #PF-1902, Salt Storage Facility Project.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - MD Senior Center Grant Right of Recovery Notice**

I move to approve the Right of Recovery Notice associated with the Senior Citizens Activity Center Capital Improvement Grants Program for the newly constructed Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Activity Center and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION -Maryland DNR Waterway Improvement Grant Application - St. Jerome's Creek Jetties MA-1101**

I move to approve the MD DNR Waterway Improvement Grant Application and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**4. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Present:** Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster provided an update on the Coronavirus stating the number of cases in the County is 803 with 52 fatalities. The County has a 5% positivity rate. She discussed the local collaborative responses, data collection, testing, and the importance of following guidelines to reduce community spread.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

I move to adjourn as St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners provided general comments.

## **MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

I move to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Real Property.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Teleconference)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:00 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider personnel appointment.

## **B. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Teleconference)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:25 a.m. to 11:52 a.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the promotion of a specific employee.

## **C. REAL PROPERTY**

Present: James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Teleconference)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
John Deatrick, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:53 a.m. to 12:08 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Discussion to consider acquisition of real property.

## **D. REAL PROPERTY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
Victoria Shearer, Attorney  
John Deatrick, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 12:09 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.  
Location: CSMC Meeting Room  
Purpose: Review counter-offer for purchase of property easement.

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 28, 2020.

JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator